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\$6.4 MILLION ALLOCATED TO NON-PROFIT ARTS AND CULTURE ORGANIZATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011

The City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture (Commission) has begun the new fiscal year with good news. FY2011 funding recommendations of \$6.4 million to be allocated to non-profit arts and culture organizations were approved by the Mayor and City Council. Funds administered through the Commission's Organizational Support Program (OSP) and the Creative Communities San Diego Program (CCSD) provide the core operating support and project funding needed for our arts and culture organizations to continue to enhance our quality of life, strengthen our role as a growing cultural tourism destination and make arts and culture more central to people's lives.

Seventy-five diverse arts and culture organizations and thirty-eight festivals, street fairs, parades and other civic events were approved for funding. "We are pleased and grateful for the continued funding during these tough economic times," said Colette Carson Royston, Chair of the Commission for Arts and Culture. "This not only acknowledges the value and impact of the arts on our community, but is a tribute to the thorough, fair and rigorous process managed by our Commission staff and volunteer panel."

For a complete list of FY2011 funded organizations, http://www.sandiego.gov/arts-culture/pdf/fy11fundedorganizations.pdf

The mission of the Commission for Arts and Culture is to vitalize the San Diego community by integrating arts and culture into community life, supporting the region's cultural assets, and showcasing San Diego as an international cultural destination. More information at http://www.sandiego.gov/arts-culture/